on the increase due to the inefficient enforcement agencies;

(b) whether some corrective steps are likely to be taken to gear-up these agencies; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) There has been incidence of poaching of animals. However, it is not a fact that killing of several protected and endangered species in the country is on the increase.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following steps have been taken to control poaching and to gear-up the enforcement agencies:

(i) A new centrally sponsored scheme has been recently approved entitled "Assistance for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife having inter-state and international implication".

(ii) Wildlife Division in the Ministry of Environment is being strengthened, mainly for enforcement of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(iii) For conservation of Rhinos in Assam, a new scheme has been formulated with an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores.

(iv) Amendment has made in the Wild Life (Protection Act, 1972 which bans trade in animals considered to be endangered and products derived therefrom.

(v) Coordination and liaison with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Armed Forces, Customs, Coast Guards is being increased for better enforcement of the wild life (Protection) Act.

(vi) Financial Assistance to the national parks, sanctuaries and Tiger Project areas is being enhanc-

Recruitment in Secretariat Security Force

1519. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past a number of candidates were selected for the posts of Sepoys in the Secretariat Security Force;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the first two hundred candidates were called to join according to their seniority but thereafter the pick and choose system was adopted in the appointments;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of those candidates who have been denied jobs ignoring their seniority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A panel of 304 candidates was prepared for filling up the posts of Sepoy (Group 'D') in Secretariat Security Force on 21-3-84.

(c) No, Sir. Offers of appointment had gone strictly in order of merit.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Killing of Backward Class People in Kansara (Bihar)

†1520. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and a backward community were

†Previously Unstarred Question 1148, transferred from the 1st August, 1986.